

Remarks/Arguments

This Amendment has been prepared in response to the Office Action in this case dated October 4, 2005. In that Action, the Examiner, although noting additionally in his Action that claim 5 was to be treated as an *objected-to* claim without specifying any objections, has rejected all claims in this application, including claim 5, variously on the bases of different applications, under 35 U.S.C. §§102 and 103, of several prior art references. These references including U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0046238, Estavillo et al. (the principal reference), U.S. Patent No. 6,260,946 B1, Hori et al., and U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0016841 A1, Hirashima et al.

Apart from these substantive claim rejections based upon cited and applied prior art, and as was mentioned above, applicant is uninformed by the text of the Examiner's Action regarding what it is specifically in claim 5 that the Examiner finds to be objectionable. Notwithstanding this uncertainty, any technical question (objection) associated with claim 5 is now moot in view of cancellation of that claim herein without prejudice.

Applicant has carefully reviewed the Examiner's Action and comments along with the three cited and applied prior art references, has reviewed the specification, claims, abstract and drawings in this case, and by the present Amendment proposes certain changes in the claims which are believed to place all claims remaining in this application, on the basis of entry of this Amendment, in conditions for immediate allowance.

As the Examiner will observe, the only claims remaining in this application following entry of the Amendment, are claims 1, 10, and 12-16, inclusive, the other claims having

been cancelled without prejudice.

With respect to the now remaining claims, claims 1 and 10, each has been amended to add a limitation which make it more clearly distinguishable from anything shown or suggested by the single reference, Estavillo et al., which was applied to them under 35 U.S.C. §102. Claims 13 and 16, which depend ultimately from amended claim 10, have been currently amended also to focus closer attention on distinguishing features of applicant's invention. The three other remaining claims, 12, 14 and 15, which have been retained as original claims, and which were rejected under different applications of the three cited and applied prior art references, also depend ultimately from currently amended claim 10, and are patentable over the cited references in view of the clear patentability of their parent claim 10.

With regard to the current amendments made in claims 1 and 10, these claims have been modified specifically to emphasize one, particular, important distinguishing feature of applicant's invention which is that a user request for a print preview to be created in accordance with applicant's claimed invention, passes, *en route* to a printing instrumentality, through a "region" in the architecture of applicant's invention wherein certain special printing options may be selected by a user for incorporation into a requested print preview. In other words, every user print-preview request *passes through this option region* – a region (and an associated methodology) which are in no manner shown or suggested either alone by the principal Estavillo et al. reference, or by any combination, viewed as a whole, of Estavillo et al. and either one (or both) of the other two cited and applied prior art references.

Currently amended claim 13 directs attention to the provision in applicant's

invention of a user opportunity, and associated structure for implementing this opportunity, to request that a print preview, *completely under user timing and control*, be stored in a memory device for a later "call-up" by a user. No such user-controllable storage and retrieval opportunity is provided by any one or combination of the cited and applied prior art reference.

Currently amended claim 16 is allowable along with its parent claim 10. Such is also true for original claims 12, 14 and 15.

No new matter has been entered in any of the changes proposed by the present Amendment.

For the reasons given above, it should thus be clear that applicant's invention, as it is now set forth in the claims presented in this application following entry of this Amendment, is distinguishable both in a novelty sense and in a non-obviousness sense over the cited and applied prior art, and is therefore patentable. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration of this application, and allowance of all remaining claims therein, are respectfully solicited. If the Examiner has any questions regarding the amendment or remarks, the Examiner is invited to contact Attorney-of-Record Jon M. Dickinson, Esq., at 503-504-2271.

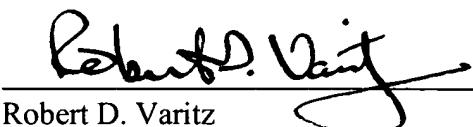
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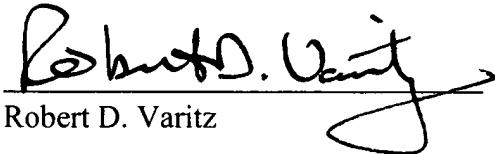
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